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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Thomas J. King of Harvard, who passed away on May 7, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas King was born in Harvard on May 22, 1923 to Thomas and Mary (nee Gleason) King; he attended the King School and graduated from Harvard High School; he married Nitchie Ricci in Rockford on February 14, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas King was the last farmer of the King family who, for the previous 155 years, have farmed on King Road; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas King was a member of St. Joseph Church, a past President and Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a founding board member of the Greater Harvard Historical Society, a past President of the Harvard Lions Club, a Melvin Jones Fellow of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and the Harvard Grange, a Hartland Township Auditor, a Pure Milk Association Delegate, and a volunteer fireman; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas King was preceded in death by his wife, Nitchie; his parents; his brother, Frank King; and his sisters, Roseanne (Walter) Schultz and Irene (John) Brennan; and

1 WHEREAS, Thomas King is survived by his daughters, Toni
2 King and Patricia (Daniel) McGrath; his grandchildren,
3 Meredith and Margaux; his special friend, Velma Shriver; his
4 brother, Roger King; and his sister-in-law, Eileen King; there
5 was a special place in his heart for all his nieces and
6 nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Thomas J. King, and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Thomas King as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.